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Introduction

Let  $Z = \sum_{i=1}^n f_i(z) \partial / \partial z_i$  be a holomorphic vector field in some neighborhood of the  $2n$ -dimensional closed disk  $\bar{D}^{2n}(1) = \{z \in \mathbb{C}^n \mid \|z\| \leq 1\}$  in  $\mathbb{C}^n$ . We denote by  $\mathcal{F}(Z)$  the foliation defined by the solutions of  $Z$ . In this paper we will prove the following

THEOREM A. *If the  $2n - 1$  dimensional sphere  $S^{2n-1}(1)$ , which is the boundary  $\partial \bar{D}^{2n}(1)$  of  $\bar{D}^{2n}(1)$ , is transverse to  $\mathcal{F}(Z)$  then the number of the compact leaves of the foliation  $\mathcal{F}(Z)|_{S^{2n-1}(1)}$  is  $1, 2, \dots, n$  or  $\infty$ .*

In [5], A. Douady and the author proved the following Poincaré-Bendixson type theorem for a holomorphic vector field.

THEOREM 0.1 (A. Douady and T. Ito). *If  $S^{2n-1}(1)$  is transverse to  $\mathcal{F}(Z)$ , then each leaf  $L$  of  $\mathcal{F}(Z)$  which crosses  $S^{2n-1}(1)$  tends to the unique singular point  $P$  of  $Z$  in  $\bar{D}^{2n}(1)$ . Furthermore, since we can move  $P$  to the origin  $0$  of  $\mathbb{C}^n$  by the Möbius transformation, we see that the sphere  $S^{2n-1}(r) = \{z \in \mathbb{C}^n \mid \|z\| = r\}$  is transverse to  $\mathcal{F}(Z)$  for any real number  $r$ ,  $0 < r \leq 1$ .*

In the case  $n = 2$  we used Theorem 0.1 as well as the existence theorem of separatrix proved by C. Camacho and P. Sad ([3]) to obtain an affirmative answer to a special case of the Seifert conjecture:

COROLLARY 0.2 ([5]). *Under the hypothesis of Theorem 0.1, the foliation  $\mathcal{F}(Z)|_{S^3(1)}$  on  $S^3(1)$  has at least one compact leaf.*

We use Theorem 0.1 to prove the following

THEOREM B. *Under the hypothesis of Theorem 0.1, the set of the eigenvalues  $\{\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n\}$  of the  $n \times n$  matrix  $\left(\frac{\partial f_i}{\partial z_j}(0)\right)$  belongs to the Poincaré domain.*

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The proof of Theorem A follows from Theorem 0.1, Theorem B and the Poincaré-Dulac theorem ([6], [4]. See §3).

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## 1. Examples

To shed some light on Theorem A, we give some examples in this section.

EXAMPLE 1.1. Let  $\lambda_1$  and  $\lambda_2$  be non-zero complex numbers. Assume that  $\lambda_1/\lambda_2$  is not a negative real number. Consider  $Z = \lambda_1 z_1 \partial/\partial z_1 + \lambda_2 z_2 \partial/\partial z_2$  on  $\mathbb{C}^2$ . For any positive real number  $r$ , the 3-dimensional sphere  $S^3(r)$  is transverse to  $\mathcal{F}(Z)$ . The solution set  $L_w$  of  $Z$  with the initial condition  $w = (w_1, w_2)$  is  $\{(z_1, z_2) = (w_1 e^{\lambda_1 T}, w_2 e^{\lambda_2 T}) \in \mathbb{C}^2 \mid T \in \mathbb{C}\}$ . In particular, if  $w_1$  is different from zero we may write

$$(1.1) \quad z_2 = w_2 e^{\lambda_2/\lambda_1 \log(z_1/w_1)}.$$

Case (i). If  $\lambda_2/\lambda_1 = q/p$  is a positive rational number every leaf of  $\mathcal{F}(Z)|_{S^3(1)}$  is compact. This is a Seifert fibration over  $S^3(1)$ . In the case where  $\lambda_2/\lambda_1$  is equal to 1,  $\mathcal{F}(Z)|_{S^3(1)}$  is a Hopf fibration. In this case we have infinitely many compact leaves.

Case (ii). If  $\lambda_2/\lambda_1$  is either positive irrational or non-real, then  $\{(z_1, 0) \in \mathbb{C}^2 \mid |z_1| = 1\}$  and  $\{(0, z_2) \in \mathbb{C}^2 \mid |z_2| = 1\}$  are compact leaves of  $\mathcal{F}(Z)|_{S^3(1)}$ . The equation (1.1) implies that the set  $L_w \cap S^3(1)$  is not a compact leaf when every  $w_i$  is different from zero. In this case  $\mathcal{F}(Z)|_{S^3(1)}$  has exactly two compact leaves.

EXAMPLE 1.2. Let  $\lambda$  and  $\epsilon$  be two non-zero complex numbers. Consider  $Z = \lambda z_1 \partial/\partial z_1 + (\lambda z_2 + \epsilon z_1) \partial/\partial z_2$ . The solution set  $L_w$  is  $\{(z_1, z_2) = (w_1 e^{\lambda T}, (w_2 + \epsilon w_1 T) e^{\lambda T}) \mid T \in \mathbb{C}\}$ . If  $w_1$  is different from zero we may write

$$(1.2) \quad z_2 = \left( w_2 + \frac{\epsilon w_1}{\lambda} \log \left( \frac{z_1}{w_1} \right) \right) \left( \frac{z_1}{w_1} \right).$$

If  $r > 0$  is small  $S^3(r)$  is transverse to  $\mathcal{F}(Z)$ . If  $r > 0$  is large, on the other hand,  $S^3(r)$  is not transverse to  $\mathcal{F}(Z)$ . In the case where  $S^3(r)$  is transverse to  $\mathcal{F}(Z)$ , the set  $\{(0, z_2) \in \mathbb{C}^2 \mid |z_2| = r\}$  is a compact leaf of  $\mathcal{F}(Z)$ . The equation (1.2) implies that the leaf  $L_w \cap S^3(r)$  is not compact if  $w_1$  is different from zero. Thus  $\mathcal{F}(Z)|_{S^3(r)}$  has exactly one compact leaf.

EXAMPLE 1.3. Let  $\lambda$  and  $a$  be two non-zero complex numbers. Let  $k$  be an integer bigger than two. Consider  $Z = \lambda z_1 \partial/\partial z_1 + (k\lambda z_2 + a z_1^k) \partial/\partial z_2$ . The solution set  $L_w$  of  $Z$  is

$$\begin{aligned} z_1 &= w_1 e^{\lambda T} \quad \text{and} \\ z_2 &= \left( w_2 + \int_0^T a w_1^k e^{k\lambda T} \cdot e^{-k\lambda T} dT \right) e^{k\lambda T} \\ &= (w_2 + a w_1^k T) e^{k\lambda T}. \end{aligned}$$

If  $w_1$  is different from zero we may write

$$(1.3) \quad z_2 = \left( w_2 + \frac{a w_1^k}{\lambda} \log(z_1/w_1) \right) \left( \frac{z_1}{w_1} \right)^k.$$

For a small  $r > 0$ ,  $S^3(r)$  is transverse to  $\mathcal{F}(Z)$  and the set  $\{(0, z_2) \in \mathbb{C}^2 \mid |z_2| = r\}$  is a compact leaf of  $\mathcal{F}(Z)|_{S^3(r)}$ . We see from the equation (1.3) that  $L_w \cap S^3(r)$  fails to be compact if  $w_1 \neq 0$ . Thus  $\mathcal{F}(Z)|_{S^3(r)}$  has one and only one compact leaf.

We mention that we investigated in ([5]) a global property of contact sets between spheres and  $\mathcal{F}(Z)$ .

## 2. The non-existence of transversal maps

Let  $\mu_i$  ( $1 \leq i \leq n$ ) be non-zero complex numbers. Assume that the set  $\{\mu_1, \dots, \mu_n\}$  belongs to the Siegel domain. Consider a linear vector field  $Z = \sum_{i=1}^n \mu_i z_i \partial / \partial z_i$  on  $\mathbb{C}^n$ . To prove Theorem B we need a non-existence theorem of a transversal map  $f$  of a manifold to the foliation  $\mathcal{F}(Z)$ .

**THEOREM 2.1.** *Let  $\mu_1$  and  $\mu_2$  be non-zero complex numbers. Consider  $Z = \mu_1 z_1 \partial / \partial z_1 + \mu_2 z_2 \partial / \partial z_2$  on  $\mathbb{C}^2$ . Let  $M$  be a closed connected  $C^\infty$ -manifold of dimension either two or three. If  $\mu_1 / \mu_2$  is a negative real number, then there exists no  $C^\infty$ -map  $\varphi$  of  $M$  to  $\mathbb{C}^2$  such that  $\varphi(M)$  is transverse to  $\mathcal{F}(Z)$ .*

**PROOF.** Suppose that there exists a  $C^\infty$ -map  $\varphi$  of  $M$  to  $\mathbb{C}^2$  such that  $\varphi(M)$  is transverse to  $\mathcal{F}(Z)$ . We may select a negative rational number  $-p/q$  sufficiently close to  $\mu_1 / \mu_2$  such that  $\varphi(M)$  is transverse to  $\mathcal{F}(Z')$ , where  $Z'$  is the linear vector field defined by  $Z' = pz_1 \partial / \partial z_1 - qz_2 \partial / \partial z_2$ . The solution  $L_w$  of  $Z'$  with the initial point  $w = (w_1, w_2)$  is  $z_1^q z_2^p = w_1^q w_2^p$ . Set  $F(z_1, z_2) = z_1^q z_2^p$ . Then the map  $\Phi = |F \circ \varphi| : M \xrightarrow{\varphi} \mathbb{C}^2 \xrightarrow{F} \mathbb{C} \xrightarrow{|\cdot|} \mathbb{R}$  attains a maximal value  $\Phi(P)$  at some point  $P \in M$ . At the point  $\varphi(P)$ ,  $\varphi(M)$  is not transverse to  $\mathcal{F}(Z')$ , but this contradicts our transversality assumption.  $\square$

**THEOREM 2.2.** *Consider a linear vector field  $Z = \sum_{i=1}^n \mu_i z_i \partial / \partial z_i$  on  $\mathbb{C}^n$ ,  $n \geq 3$ , where the  $\mu_i$ 's are non-zero complex numbers and the  $\mu_i / \mu_j$ 's,  $i \neq j$ , are imaginary. Let  $M$  be a  $2n-2$  or  $2n-1$ -dimensional closed connected  $C^\infty$ -manifold. If the set  $\{\mu_1, \dots, \mu_n\}$  belongs to the Siegel domain, then there is no  $C^\infty$ -map  $\varphi$  of  $M$  to  $\mathbb{C}^n$  such that  $\varphi(M)$  is transverse to  $\mathcal{F}(Z)$ .*

**PROOF.** Let  $\Sigma = \{z \in \mathbb{C}^n \mid \sum_{i=1}^n \mu_i z_i \bar{z}_i = 0\}$  be the contact set between the spheres  $S^{2n-1}(r)$  and  $\mathcal{F}(Z)$ . Then the set  $\Sigma$  is a cone and  $\Sigma - \{0\}$  is a submanifold of dimension  $2n-2$ . C. Camacho, N. H. Kuiper and J. Palis proved the following Fact ([2]). If we take a point  $w \in \Sigma - \{0\}$ , the distance between  $L_w$  and the origin 0 of  $\mathbb{C}^n$  attains a unique minimum at  $w$  and  $L_w \cap \Sigma = \{w\}$ . Further the set  $W = \{z \in \mathbb{C}^n \mid 0 \notin \bar{L}_z\}$  of leaves which do not tend to 0 is diffeomorphic to  $(\Sigma - \{0\}) \times \mathbb{C}$ . The projection map  $\pi : W \rightarrow \Sigma - \{0\}$  indicates that each leaf  $L \subset W$  corresponds to the point  $L \cap \Sigma$ .

Assume that there exists a  $C^\infty$ -map  $\varphi$  of  $M$  to  $\mathbb{C}^n$  such that  $\varphi(M)$  is transverse to  $\mathcal{F}(Z)$ . The transversality condition implies that the restricted map  $\pi|_{W \cap \varphi(M)} : W \cap \varphi(M) \rightarrow \Sigma - \{0\}$  is a submersion. Since  $\pi(W \cap \varphi(M))$  is open closed connected in  $\Sigma - \{0\}$ ,  $\pi(W \cap \varphi(M))$  is equal to  $\Sigma - \{0\}$ . This contradicts the fact that  $\pi(W \cap \varphi(M))$  is bounded.  $\square$

We will conclude this section by proving Theorem B.

**PROOF OF THEOREM B.** We calculated in [5] that the index of  $Z$  at the origin is one. Hence every eigenvalue of the matrix  $(\partial f_i / \partial z_j(0))$  is different from zero.

It follows from Theorem 0.1 that for small enough  $r_1 > 0$  the linear part  $Z^{(1)} = \sum_{i=1}^n (\sum_{j=1}^n \partial f_i / \partial z_j(0) z_j) \partial / \partial z_i$  of  $Z$  is transverse to  $S^{2n-1}(r_1)$ . Suppose that the set  $\{\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n\}$  does not belong to the Poincaré domain. We may choose an  $n \times n$  matrix  $A = (a_{ij})$  close enough to  $(\partial f_i / \partial z_j(0))$  that the set of the eigenvalues of  $A$  satisfies the conditions of Theorem 2.1 or Theorem 2.2. The sphere  $S^{2n-1}(r_1)$  is transverse to  $\mathcal{F}(\tilde{Z}^{(1)})$ , where  $\tilde{Z}^{(1)}$  is the linear vector field defined by  $\tilde{Z}^{(1)} = \sum_{i=1}^n (\sum_{j=1}^n a_{ij} z_j) \partial / \partial z_i$ . This is a contradiction to Theorem 2.1 or Theorem 2.2.  $\square$

### 3. Proof of Theorem A

We recall first a theorem due to H. Poincaré ([6]) and H. Dulac ([4]), which we shall call the Poincaré-Dulac linearization and polynomialization at an isolated singular point of a holomorphic vector field.

Let  $Z = \sum_{i=1}^n f_i(z) \partial / \partial z_i$  be a holomorphic vector field defined on some neighborhood of the origin 0 of  $\mathbb{C}^n$ . Assume that the origin is an isolated singular point of  $Z$ .

**THEOREM 3.1** (H. Poincaré and H. Dulac). *If the set of eigenvalues of the matrix  $(\partial f_i / \partial z_j(0))$  belongs to the Poincaré domain, then there exists a biholomorphic map  $\Phi$  of some neighborhood of 0 to another neighborhood of 0 in  $\mathbb{C}^n$ ,  $\Phi(z) = w$ ,  $\Phi(0) = 0$ , such that  $\Phi_* Z = W$  with*

$$W = \lambda_1 w_1 \partial / \partial w_1 + \sum_{i=2}^n (\lambda_i w_i + b_i w_{i-1} + P_i(w_1, \dots, w_{i-1})) \partial / \partial w_i,$$

where the  $b_i$ 's are either 0 or 1 defined by the Jordan block of  $(\partial f_i / \partial z_j(0))$  and the  $P_i(w_1, \dots, w_{i-1})$ 's are polynomials defined as follows:

Let  $m_i = (m_i(1), \dots, m_i(i-1))$  be an  $(i-1)$ -tuples of non-negative integers such that  $\sum_{k=1}^{i-1} m_i(k) \geq 2$  and  $\lambda_i = \sum_{k=1}^{i-1} m_i(k) \lambda_k$ . Define  $P_i$  by  $P_i(w_1, \dots, w_{i-1}) = \sum_{m_i} a_{m_i} w_1^{m_i(1)} \dots w_{i-1}^{m_i(i-1)}$ . Here the  $a_{m_i}$  are complex numbers.

We note for example in the case where  $n = 2$  the  $W$  is one of the following:

1.  $W = \lambda_1 w_1 \partial / \partial w_1 + \lambda_2 w_2 \partial / \partial w_2$ .
2.  $W = \lambda w_1 \partial / \partial w_1 + (\lambda w_2 + w_1) \partial / \partial w_2$ .
3.  $W = \lambda w_1 \partial / \partial w_1 + (k \lambda w_2 + a w_1^k) \partial / \partial w_2$ .

We are now ready to prove Theorem A.

**PROOF OF THEOREM A.** We may assume, using the Möbius transformation, that the unique singular point is the origin 0 of  $\mathbb{C}^n$ . By the grace of Theorem B and Theorem 3.1 we may select a sufficiently small number  $r_0 > 0$  so that  $\mathcal{F}(Z)|_{\bar{D}^{2n}(r_0)}$  is biholomorphic to  $\mathcal{F}(W)|_{\Phi(\bar{D}^{2n}(r_0))}$ . Then  $\mathcal{F}(Z)|_{S^{2n-1}(r_0)}$  has 1, 2, ...,  $n$  or infinitely many compact leaves. By Theorem 0.1  $\mathcal{F}(Z)|_{S^{2n-1}(r_0)}$  is  $C^\omega$ -diffeomorphic to  $\mathcal{F}(Z)|_{S^{2n-1}(1)}$ . This completes the proof of Theorem A.  $\square$

**REMARK.** M. Brunella and P. Sad ([1]) proved the following theorem. Define a linear hyperbolic foliation  $\mathcal{L}_\lambda$  in  $\mathbb{C}^2$  by  $x dy + \lambda y dx = 0$ ,  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C} - \mathbb{R}$ .

**THEOREM** (M. Brunella and P. Sad). *Let  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{C}^2$  be a generalized bidisc and let  $\mathcal{F}$  be a holomorphic foliation defined in a neighborhood of  $\bar{\Omega}$  and transverse to  $\partial\Omega$ . Then there exists a locally injective holomorphic map  $\phi$  which sends a neighborhood of  $\bar{\Omega}$  to a neighborhood of 0 in  $\mathbb{C}^2$  and such that  $\mathcal{F} = \phi^*(\mathcal{L}_\lambda)$  for some  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \mathbb{R}$ .*

Furthermore  $\phi$  is injective as a map between spaces of leaves, i.e. for every leaf  $L \in \mathcal{L}_\lambda$  the preimage  $\phi^{-1}(\phi(\overline{\Omega}) \cap L)$  is exactly one leaf of  $\mathcal{F}|_{\overline{\Omega}}$ .

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